

SENATE RESOLUTION 160
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate George Cross Orr on the celebration of his 75th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, George Cross Orr will celebrate his 75th birthday on May 7, 2004, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of Rhessa Cross and William Newton Orr, he was born in Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Orr has been laudably devoted to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, in his professional career, he served with acumen and alacrity in defense of our nation as a member of the United States Air Force; this gallant patriot earned distinction and numerous honors for the unsurpassed quality of his work before taking a well deserved retirement at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr settled permanently in Tullahoma, where he would become a prominent Realtor and earn the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens as a community leader; he has served on the Boards of the United States Air Force Enlisted Widows Home and of Elk River Public Utilities and has lent invaluable support to the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the unrivalled quality of his leadership is well known throughout the region, and it led him to be elected Mayor of Tullahoma, in which position he served with his customary diligence, wisdom, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr is known throughout Coffee County as a tireless advocate for the common good and a friend to all; and

WHEREAS, his professional and civic accomplishments aside, George Orr has always striven to uphold the highest standards of family and community values; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 1956, George Orr joined Laura Joan Gibson in holy matrimony in Helena, Montana, and he cherishes the many years of love and companionship that they have shared; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Orr is also the devoted father of three children, Brenda, Rhessa, and John, and the proud grandfather of three grandchildren, Mary Eddlemon, John Eddlemon, and Sarah Orr; and

WHEREAS, George Orr has shown himself to be imbued with the spirit of public service that has earned Tennessee honor as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby join with the family of George Cross Orr in celebrating of his 75th birthday, honor and commend him for his service in the United States Air Force and as a community leader of the highest merit, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.